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FUNCTIONAL TEA GARDENS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of functional tea gardens in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and other States till 31 March, 1989;

(b) the number of tea gardens are now functioning as on 31 December, 2001;

(c) the total number of hectares which are out of tea cultivation due to closure of the tea gardens; and

(d) the total number of new areas expanded for tea cultivation in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : The figures for number of tea estates and area under tea are being compiled on the calendar year basis. The total number of functional tea gardens which were under operation as on 31st December, 1989 is given below:-

States	No. of Tea Gardens
West Bengal	347
Assam	848
Tamil Nadu	6812
Tripura	58
Other States	5791
Total	13856

(b) : The total number of functional tea gardens which include a large number of small growers also, is given below :-

States	No. of Tea Gardens
West Bengal	1,538
Assam	39,137
Tamil Nadu	60,633
Tripura	292
Other States	10,379
Total	111,979

(c) : As per available information, the total area which is out of tea cultivation due to closure of tea gardens is 2432.23 hectares.

(d) : During the course of last 5 years, substantial area has been brought under tea, the bulk of which comes from the small sector. The details are given below :-

(Figs. In Hectares)

Year	Area under tea			Small Growers contribution		
	North India	South India	All India	North India	South India	All India
1995	339233	87832	427065	4479	22001	26480
2000	393997	113199	507196	50755	46835	97590
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